

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/FR2004/003372

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1, 2, 5, 7-15 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 3, 4, 6 received by this Authority on 10.11.2005 with letter of 03.11.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-12 received by this Authority on 10.11.2005 with letter of 03.11.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2, 2/2 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
1.	Statement
	Novelty (N)
	Claims 1-12 YES
	Claims NO
	Inventive step (IS)
	Claims 1-12 YES
	Claims NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)
	Claims 1-12 YES
	Claims NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)
1.	Reference is made to the following documents: D1: US-A-4 691 870 D2: US-A-5 632 000 D3: US-A-3 803 468 D4: US-A-3 585 476 D5: US-A-3 582 744 D6: JP-11-225891 (A1)
2.	D6, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes all the features of the preamble of claim 1. The subject matter of claim 1 differs from this known electric household appliance for preparing food by virtue of the features of the characterising part. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)). The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can be considered to be that of reducing excessive power consumption and unwanted acoustic noises when the appliance is operating almost empty. These features are neither known from, nor rendered

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	<p>obvious by, the other prior art documents.</p> <p>The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).</p> <p>3. Claims 2 to 12 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step.</p>